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Memorandum

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From: Jennifer Brown, Support Services Manager

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Re: Taser AXON Flex Body Worn Cameras

TASER International's Digital Evidence Solution consists of body-worn cameras, evidence transfer managers, accessories, digital evidence management software, and data storage. TASER's Digital Evidence Solution is the only system that meets the department's specific requirements to enable officers to record, manage and store digital recordings in a timely and effective manner at the time of purchase on August 1, 2014. Since then other companies have come into fruition with the ability to purchase body worn cameras. However, it is most beneficial to the Flagstaff Police Department to continue to purchase the Axon Flex Body Camera from Taser. Here are some key features specific to TASER to include:

- 1. TASER body-worn cameras have a 30 second pre-event record buffer option which allows the user to capture 30 seconds of video footage prior to activating the camera in record mode.
- 2. TASER body-worn cameras have a 12 hour battery life both in pre-event and normal record modes. These are the only on-officer cameras identified that will operate in these modes for an entire 10 hour patrol officer shift, eliminating the need to recharge the camera during the shift.
- 3. TASER body-worn cameras and digital evidence management solution enables officers to immediately link and attach metadata to recordings prior to the evidence being uploaded. The ability to attach metadata in the field improves accuracy and efficiency. All other systems require the digital evidence to be uploaded to a laptop or desk top prior to the metadata being attached.
- 4. TASER's Evidence Transfer Manager (ETM) allows automatic file uploading and simultaneous recharging of body cameras. Each ETM has multiple docking stations and officers do not have to be present while files upload. Officers can dock their cameras in seconds at the end of their shift and go home; no log-in or wait is required. This will save time, keep officers on patrol in communities longer, and have the equipment ready at the start of the officers' next shift. TASER is the only vendor that offers this option.

Other venders' products require officers to access an available LAN computer or intranet connection, log in to the LAN, wait until all files are uploaded and then log out. This method is significantly



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more time consuming for each officer. Further, some police divisions will have 30 or more officers attempting to access a limited number of LAN connections and upload files at the same time.

- 5. TASERS "Evidence Mobile" is the only mobile application that gives officers the ability to capture digital evidence, immediately identify it, and link it to Evidence.com from an iOS or Android mobile device. This application allows the evidence to immediately become manageable and searchable in Evidence.com.
- 6. Several body-worn camera vendors were contacted and their products identified as not meeting our requirements.
- 7. Currently the Flagstaff Police Department has 50 Taser Axon Flex body worn cameras issued and in use to its officers.
- 8. The Flagstaff Police Department has accessories and equipment to fit Taser Flex Body Cameras.
- 9. The Flagstaff Police Department stores their evidence video from Evidence.com to view and save videos taken from the officer's footage.
- 10. The City Attorney's Office will be signing up to utilize Evidence.com to view Flagstaff Police Department footage for prosecution.
- 11. The County Attorney is currently looking into utilizing Evidence.com as well. TASER's Digital Evidence Solution includes the following necessary features:
 - 1. TASER's Digital Evidence Solution provides an audit trail and other security features that assure digital evidence will meet all standards for reliability in court.
 - 2. AXON Body and AXON FLEX cameras have a *configurable* pre-event buffering record mode, preset to 30 seconds.
 - 3. AXON Body and AXON FLEX cameras have 12-hours of battery life in pre-record buffering mode and in record mode. This is the only camera that has the ability to last a full shift without being recharged.
 - 4. AXON Body and AXON FLEX cameras have several mounting options. The AXON FLEX is unique in that it can be mounted on the head, the lapel and on the collar. All other vendors offer systems that are designed for chest only mounts. The mounting options are necessary to accommodate officers' preference and physical attributes. As an example, an AXON FLEX camera can be mounted in different locations and angled up or down depending on the officer's stature and on the camera angle desired in a specific situation.
 - 5. TASER's Digital Evidence Solution is the only system that enables officers to immediately link and attach metadata to a recording prior it being uploaded. TASER also offers the ability to categorize digital evidence and manage it using more unique searchable fields than other products.



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- 6. TASER's Evidence Transfer Manager (ETM) automatically uploads the digital evidence to a Cloud server, simultaneously charging the camera, without necessitating an officer be present.
- 7. TASER's "Evidence Mobile" application gives officers the ability to capture digital evidence (audio, photographs, and video), identify it with metadata and link it to Evidence.com from an iOS or Android mobile device. This evidence immediately becomes manageable and searchable in Evidence.com.

The Flagstaff Police Department would like to continue with the same product as we are currently utilizing the Taser Axon Flex Body Worn Cameras. The Police Department has 50 officers equipped with the equipment along with multiple users such as detectives, City Attorneys and the Internal Investigations Sergeant to view footage from the officer's video to help aide in their investigations. We would like to keep the equipment uniform in nature and have all its users be on the same system such as Evidence.com.